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a three-page report on the Geological and Map-Making Company (Geodezia Es Terkepeszeti Egyesulet) in Budapest, the former Geological Research Institute, which had been nationalized and organized as an independent government agency. The report gives information on the Company's headquarters, its structural organization, the names of the leading officials, the working methods, and the influence exerted by Soviet authorities on the working schedule of the agency.

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The Geological and Map-making Company of BUDAPEST

1. The ^{aka} ~~Geological and Map-making Company of BUDAPEST~~ ~~GEODEZIA ES TERKEPESZETI VALLALAT~~ is situated in the ANKER PALOTA at ANKER-KOZ 1 (VI). It was formerly known as the Geological Research Institute ~~FOLDTANI KUTATO INTÉZET~~ and was at one time a private company. Its status is now that of a state-owned concern, but organized as a unit independent of Government ministries. It is under contract to the Defence Ministry for the production of maps of HUNGARY.

2. The Company occupies the lower two floors of the four-floor ANKER PALOTA. The staff numbers about 150-200 in all. This does not include those persons working outside BUDAPEST in the surveying teams (see para. 5 below). There are no Russians on the staff, although Russian visitors often come to the offices. The single entrance to the building, situated at the right hand end, serves all four floors and is thus used by employees of the other organisations in the top half of the building. Security regulations are lax. Immediately on entering the ground-floor premises of the Company, one enters a large hall beyond which is a central corridor flanked by offices. Second on the left is an office treated as a "secret zone", which houses all the completed maps. Entry is barred to all but the higher officials, such as group leaders (see below). It is under the charge of a woman named JAKABNE (fnu) [redacted]. Beyond her 25X1 office are various drawing offices.

3. On the right hand side of the corridor at the far end is the office of ~~FEIDL~~, Ferenc, Chief Survey Engineer and the leading technical man in the organisation. [redacted] 25X1

4. The second floor contains more offices, including that of ~~DOMOKOS~~, György. [redacted] 25X1

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DOMOKOS is one of the "group leaders" of this Company, i.e. he is in charge of one of the teams of surveyors which go out and map the country.

5. Each of these groups (the number of which is believed to be about twenty) consists of approximately 21 men. There are six surveyors, each of whom is assisted by two hired labourers locally engaged from the area being surveyed. There are in addition two permanent labourers and a driver. Each group also has a [] which carries personnel and 25X1 equipment.

6. The area to be mapped is split into triangles. The procedure is that, first of all, aerial photos are taken of the ground, after which a special team of surveyors [] seeks out vantage points from 25X1 which large tracts of country can be seen. Thirdly, teams such as the one described above move in to make the detailed survey. Their work takes normally from 2½-3 months in each place.

7. The DOMOKOS group has had the following places as headquarters for their operations, which normally cover an area of 20 or 30 kilometres radius (the area being in a triangle, of course):-

- a) MOSON-MAGYARÓVÁR, N.W. of GYÖR. Here the group's territory comprised all this N.W. corner of Hungary, including MOSONSZENTJÁNOS, LEBENY, and MECSEK but excluding MAGYABÁCS, GYÖR, ENESE, and BORSÁKANY.
- b) GYÖRSZÉNTERE, 10 km. S.E. of GYÖR
- c) KONY, on the GYÖR-KAPUVÁR road.
- d) PUSZTAVÁM, 5 kms. north of MÓR (which is itself 25 kms. N.W. of SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR). 25X1
- e) FEHÉRVÁRCSORGO, 13 km. W.N.W. of SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR.
- f) KECSKEMET (or rather a small, unidentified village 8 kms. to the N.E.)
- g) TOKUL on CSEPEL island.

8. Whilst the groups were engaged in their surveys, it was not an uncommon occurrence for a snap visit to be paid by a team of Hungarian and Russian

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officers. One such team consisted of three Hungarians (Major, First Lieutenant, and Second Lieutenant) and a Russian (Colonel). The Hungarians wore an insignia on each lapel consisting of two triangles, one within the other (apex downwards) and a pencil going vertically through the [redacted] The Russian wore black shoulder-boards with purple surrounds and two stars.

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9. The Russians were quite obviously in charge of the proceedings and often threatened the surveying teams with action by the A.V.R. if they did not finish before a specified day. This was apparently because planes were scheduled to fly overhead (and possibly re-photograph the area?). Slow-moving, single-engine [redacted] planes were, in fact, usually seen in the area 25X1 on the dates mentioned.

10. Whilst out on a surveying expedition, the team-leader would pack all his charts, etc., into a trunk at the end of the day and leave them for the night at the police station. This was done on the orders of the Russian officers visiting them.

11. Completed maps were taken to the HONVED TERKEFTUDZSI INTENZET on the corner of EZEDES UTCA and OLASZ PASOR, BUDAPEST II. They were taken either by JAKABNE or by FEIDL and were handed over either to (First Lieutenant) GAZSO FOLADN [redacted] or to the head of the map section (Major) SZEPES ORNAGY [redacted]

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